AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 8-9, Brief Description of the Drawings:

- FIG. 1 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of a conventional interconnect structure;
- FIG. 2 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of a conventional interconnect structure;
- FIG. 3 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of a conventional interconnect structure;
- FIG. 4 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of an interconnect structure according to the present invention;
- FIG. 5 includes FIGS. 5A to 5C include schematic cross-sectional drawings showing a manufacturing method of the interconnect according to the invention;
- FIG. 6 includes FIGS. 6A and 6B include schematic cross-sectional drawings of an interconnect structure according to the invention;
- FIG. 7 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of an interconnect structure according to the invention;
- FIG. 8 includes FIGS. 8A to 8C include schematic cross-sectional drawings showing a manufacturing method of the interconnect according to the invention;
- FIG. 9 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of an interconnect structure according to the invention;
- FIG. 10 includes FIGS. 10A to 10C include schematic cross-sectional drawings showing a manufacturing method of the interconnect according to the invention;
- FIG. 11 includes FIGS. 11A to 11C include schematic cross-sectional drawings for explaining an evaluating method of interlayer adhesion;

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FIG. 12 is a bar graph showing an evaluation result of interlayer adhesion; and

FIG. 13 is a schematic cross-sectional drawing of a multilayer interconnect structure.